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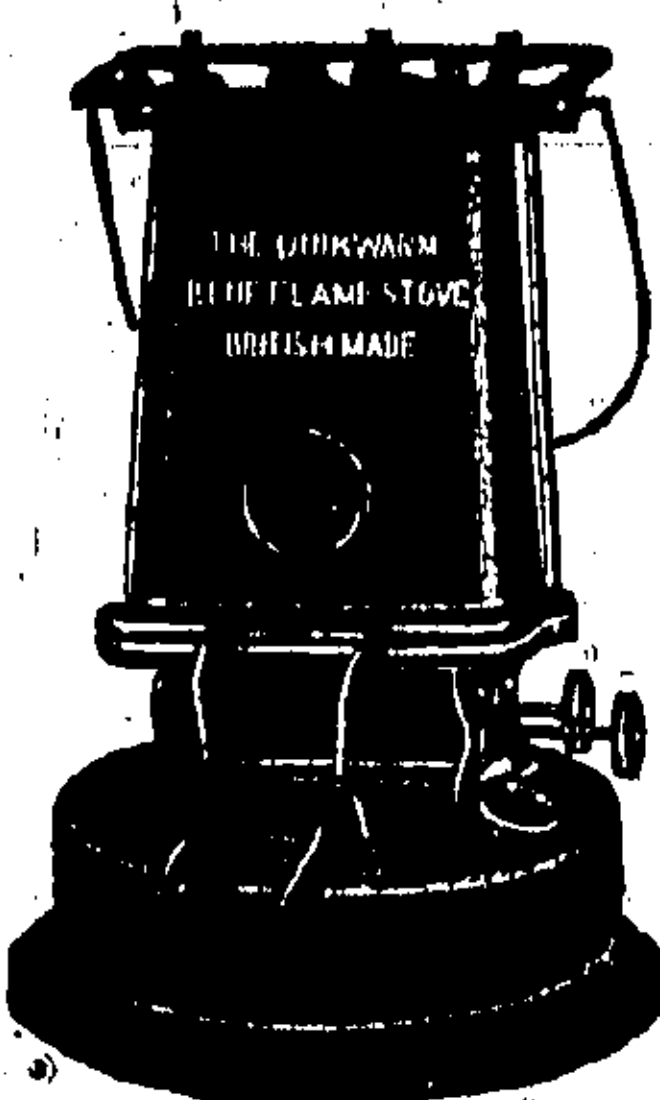


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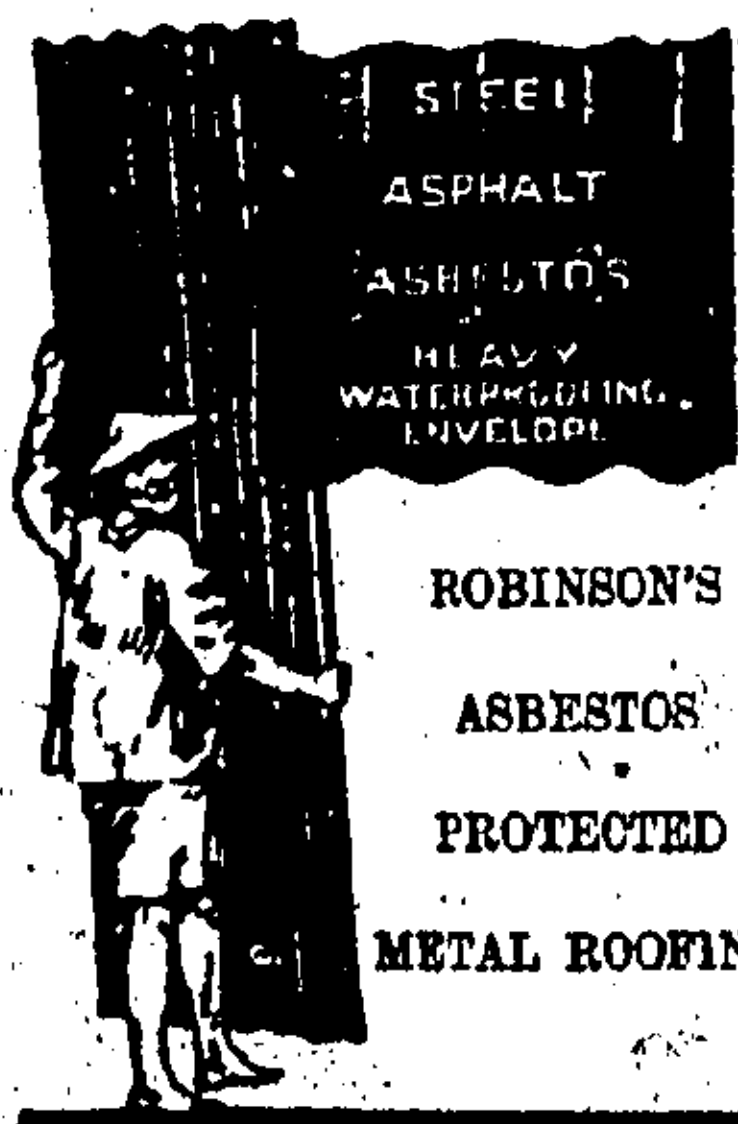
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## STRIKE MEASURES.

### GOVERNOR TO MAKE STATEMENT?

CHINESE FURTHER AFFECTED.

Although events in Canton are being looked upon locally as probably a determining factor in the duration of the strike in Hongkong there has been no slackening in the measures being taken here for the maintenance of essential services and the protection of the community the latter, of course, including the continual detective work being carried out in connection with the detection of intimidators and idlers. The latter are still being deported in large numbers and fitting justice is being meted out to prisoners convicted as undesirable agitators. These have been at work for some days on the very necessary work of clearing accumulations of night-soil.

There has been little change in the local situation apart from returns of boys and amahs in certain districts and absentions from work of fitters in some of the Chinese garages. Even the dispensers in a charitable organisation conducted in connection with a missionary hospital—which makes no charges for its supply of drugs and whose work was entirely connected with Chinese—have left their work.

H.E. the Governor is expected to make a statement regarding the local situation at to-day's Legislative Council meeting.

### BOATS TO STOP?

Boats returning from Canton are bringing down almost their full complement of passengers, numbers last night totalling 1,200 and the Kwong Sai this morning adding to these about 500. This on the best authority is nothing like the number that are desirous of leaving, severe restrictions being placed on the movements of Hongkong strikers who express the wish to return.

On the waterfront this morning the general topic of conversation was the action which the Chinese seamen are said to have taken or rather to be contemplating taking. After Saturday, according to the reports, no seamen will be allowed to man the river boats. In consequence of this and in order that the boat may not be stranded in Canton, the Kwong Sai, which returned to Hongkong, from Canton this morning, has gone to anchor and will not make the return trip. Two reasons are being put forward as to the motive behind such a decision—one that it is the Union's reply to the deportation order of the Government and the other that they are merely acting in accordance with instructions from Canton who wish still further to prevent the return of workers to Hongkong.

That the Government would restrict the arrest of idlers merely because the regular boats were not running is, however, a very remote contingency. If they have not enough craft at their immediate service to deport such all the way the obvious course for them to take would be to take them as far as convenient, and leave them to make their own arrangements for proceeding further.

### COOLIE FINED.

LEAVING SERVICE WITHOUT NOTICE.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Mr. B. Wylie charged a house coolie with leaving his service without notice on June 24. Sub-inspector Andrew stated that the accused was found by the complainant to be working at Knutsford Terrace, almost opposite, at \$3 a day.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$25 or one month's hard labour, and the accused was further ordered to pay the complainant a sum of \$3, which represents one week's wages, the man thus forfeiting a full month's wages in lieu of notice.

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## SEDITIONISTS.

### TWO MORE CONVICTIONS TO-DAY.

Before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry at the Central Magistracy this morning, two Chinese were charged with possession of seditious literature.

During a search by police officers at 8 p.m. on Tuesday near the Central Market, the first accused had a printed leaflet in his pocket. The second accused was pointed out as the original possessor, and in a statement he made to the police he admitted possession, but said that he received the leaflet from a small boy.

The first accused informed His Worship that he put the leaflet in his pocket for reading afterwards. He was not aware that it was of an inflammatory nature. The other man admitted having read the leaflet before passing it on to his fellow lodger. He pleaded to be ignorant that he was committing a crime by so doing.

His Worship considered the charge against the second accused as the more serious of the two and sentenced him to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour. The first accused was fined \$10. In addition both accused were ordered to furnish sureties to sign a bond for \$200 and guarantee their behaviour for one year, or in default to undergo two months' hard labour.

### SERIOUS ASSAULT.

An incident which occurred before the commencement of the strike was recalled before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning when a Chinese shopkeeper from Yumati was charged with assaulting a Government contractor.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. C. A. S. Russ defended.

The evidence showed that the accused was one of a party of men who attacked the contractor in daylight at Coronation Road with sticks, hammers and other weapons. The contractor was rescued by a Naval Yard policeman, but he had received injuries of a serious nature as to necessitate treatment in hospital for one month. At one time the man's life appeared to be in danger.

His Worship sentenced the accused to six months' hard labour.

### ARMY CAUTION.

Command Orders for forces in China, published to-day, announce that only a very limited Ordnance Workshop service can be maintained and issues and receipts of stores, will only be undertaken for stores immediately concerned with the strike.

As regards clothing warning is given that all reserves will have to be exhausted before Ordnance will meet demands made on it, and the warning is, extended to barrack furniture, none of which will be replaced during the strike. Unit Commanders are instructed to utilise resources at their disposal for effecting minor repairs and to observe the strictest care in use and upkeep.

### DIDN'T STOP.

A licensed motor car driver named Chan Fook-ki was charged before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry at the Central Magistracy this morning with failure to stop or to report an accident.

The evidence showed that the accused knocked down a Chinese girl, causing injuries to her foot, at Wanchai Road, but Sergeant Roberts had noted the number of the car before it disappeared. On being found out by the police, the accused made a statement admitting having knocked down a girl, but that he did not stop or report the accident as he asserted that she got up and walked away.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$25 and the payment of \$5 as compensation to the injured girl.

During the week ended July 4, there were two deaths from and one case of (all-Chinese) cerebro-spinal fever, and a case of enteric fever. A (Chinese) patient with cerebro-spinal fever was reported on Monday.

Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., and Mrs. Wodehouse returned to the Colony to-day after a short holiday at Wel-hai-wai.

## TURNED ON GUARD.

### INDIAN CONSTABLE WOUNDED.

An Indian constable on picket duty at Kowloon City early yesterday morning was seriously wounded and is now in hospital.

A picket of three constables proceeded to Ngaushiwan where a number of people were cutting wood on Government land. A Chinese who had got to the foot of the hill with a pickaxe on his shoulder dropped his haul and ran away on seeing the police. The officers gave chase and brought him to a halt after firing a shot in the air. Leaving the arrested man in the custody of Indian constable B199, Niaz Mohamed, the other two officers walked up the hill to arrest the other woodcutters. On the return of the officers they found the Indian constable lying on the ground with a bullet wound on the left side and injuries to the right ear. The prisoner had struggled with the constable and, gaining possession of the latter's revolver, wounded the constable and escaped.

The assailant has so far not been re-arrested.

### STRIKE ITEMS.

The "Overseas Chinese Daily News" reports the addition of the following river steamers: the Ko Chow to Hongkong-Canton service, Kwong Hung to Hongkong-Wuchow, the Sun Yik to the Hongkong-Shanghai run.

There is not likely to be any hitch in the arrangements for amusement programmes in spite of the absence from work of cinema operators at the Coronet and Star theatres. Filipino members of the staff are doing good work.

Eighteen girls are efficiently operating lifts in the buildings of the Hongkong Land Investment Company and this in spite of the fact that the period of instruction has been very short. Some of the lifts in the Colony have been maliciously damaged but nearly all in fairly constant demand are in operation.

In spite of the strike a double wedding in the approved Chinese fashion was celebrated yesterday. Residents in Hollywood Road were pleasantly surprised by the sound of the trumpets and gongs. Later on the surprise was increased when it was seen that everything in the procession for the bride was in double quantity. Subsequently it was ascertained that two families had decided to be united, strike or no strike.

Chinese papers contain notices this morning according to which Chinese shops in certain central districts are not obliged to call at the Post Office for letters as arrangements have been made for their delivery. This, it is understood, has been done in order that large accumulations of letters may be removed from the Post Office who now have ample labour to call upon. Certain shops are to be responsible for distribution in their districts.

In an article on the financial situation of the Colony as regards Chinese trade, a writer places the number of native bankers at between 270 and 280 of which 40 or 50 are interested in making advances and the remainder principally in the rise and fall of exchange. The article adds that property worth \$20,000,000 has been mortgaged by the native banks with the exchange banks who have given out loans amounting to about \$6,000,000.

One aspect of the strike that is apparent to many is the fall in the rentals of Chinese tenements. In normal circumstances the 16 per cent. increase authorised by law would have come into effect on July 1. As about 140,000 people have left the Colony, says the "Overseas Chinese Daily News," there are many vacant cubicles and even flats in the central district. A cubicle that was hitherto let for a minimum of \$20 a month is now being offered at \$6 or \$7.

### R.M.S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA.

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Kobe on July 8 at 8.30 a.m. left Kobe on July 8 at 8 p.m. and is due at Nagasaki on July 9 at 4 p.m.

## TREATY POWERS.

### CHINESE NOTE BEING CONSIDERED.

STATEMENT IN COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 8.

In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) declared that no proposal of severance of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Government was under consideration by His Majesty's Government.

The Diplomatic Body at Peking was considering a joint reply to the fourteen points contained in the Chinese Government's Note. He was not aware of any conflict of opinion between the Powers with regard to the reasonableness of the demands. Mr. J. Beckett (Lab.) declared the American Press has widely stated that American representatives were willing to accept but the British delegates were holding out.

Mr. Chamberlain deprecated being called on to answer questions with regard to information supplied by different Presses of the world. He emphasised he was not aware of any conflict between the Governments. Replying to Mr. G. Lambourne (Lab.) Mr. Chamberlain said Russia was not represented on the Commission of Enquiry at Shanghai because Russia was not one of the Treaty Powers.

Replying to Mr. W. C. Robinson (Lab.) Mr. Chamberlain said no proposals had been received from the Government of the United States for convening an international conference for the purpose of removing special privileges of certain nationals in the Treaty Ports of China and giving the Chinese nation unrestricted control on import duties.

Replying to Mr. C. G. Ammon (Lab.) Mr. Chamberlain said the Government was not prepared to follow the example of Germany, Austria and Russia renouncing extraterritorial privileges in China. Pending the result of the present consultations between the Treaty Powers he was not in a position to add anything to his statement of July 1.

### TRIPLE COMMISSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 8.

Commenting on the summaries of the report of the triple mixed commission, published in France, blaming the British police and the American chairman of the Municipal Council in connection with the shootings at Shanghai, the "Daily Telegraph" diplomatic correspondent is of the opinion that it is "evidently calculated the leakage of the news should at least have a salutary effect that Britain cannot longer tolerate the comedy of a commission of three under penalty of seeing our prestige destroyed in China, as by not dissimilar methods it destroyed Turkey."

"NO REQUEST."

In the House of Commons, in reply to questions Mr. Austen Chamberlain stated that he had not received any request from Shanghai that the British Government should forcibly intervene to restore normality in Shanghai.

### HOPEFUL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, July 8.

The situation continues hopeful for further kidnapping of servants employed by foreigners and the confiscation by strikers of a hundred cows and foodstuffs intended for foreigners' consumption. The tramway services were curtailed.

### STEAMER WRECKED.

#### FIFTY DROWNED OFF JOHORE.

ONE SURVIVOR.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, July 8.

The local steamer Ban Lee Guan has been lost off the Johore coast. There is only one survivor.

It is feared that nearly fifty are drowned.

[Ban Lee Guan is the Fukien pronunciation for what in Cantonese would be "Man Lee Yuen." There is no Nam Pak Hong firm in Hongkong by this name but some of the "China Mail's" Cantonese readers may be able to recognise the firm.]

## GERMAN BOURSE.

### COMMITTEE CLOSING IN PROTEST.

NEW AND OLD MONEY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, July 8.

The Committee of the Bourse has decided to close the Exchange to-day as a protest against the decision of the re-valuation committee of the Reichstag to differentiate between old and new holders of the paper mark State loans and to grant the latter revaluation at only 27 1/2 per cent. as compared with 5 per cent. for old holders.

All other German exchanges are closed. Bankers and financiers generally are of the opinion that it is impossible to carry out such differentiation and anticipate German securities abroad will be adversely affected thereby. The Bourse Committee consider differentiation will destroy confidence in German loans. The Committee declared that until further notice, quotations on loans of the Reich Federal States towns will be struck out from the list.

### FATAL FALL.

#### BEAUTIFUL BARONESS KILLED.

HEAT WAVE SEQUEL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, July 8.

Baroness Helen Zurmuehlen, who, it is understood, is from Java, fell early this morning from a seventh floor apartment of the fashionable Ritz Carlton Hotel and was killed.

The accident was apparently due to the heat wave. The Baroness had been dancing and stepped to the window to get a breath of air. Her friends were horrified to see her over-topple and fall to the roof of a Japanese garden far below. Her diamond earrings were dashed from the settings as she fell. She should have sailed on the Berengaria to-day to join her husband who is believed to be in the Dutch diplomatic service.

Prior to her marriage the Baroness was the beautiful debutante, Helen Carruthers, from San Antonio.

### COAL CRISIS.

#### PREMIER'S STATEMENT IN COMMONS.

SETTLEMENT APPEAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 8.

In the House of Commons, questioned regarding the coal crisis, the Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin thought it was clear the possibilities of negotiation were not yet exhausted.

He appealed to both sides to explore every opportunity of a settlement and disagreed with a Labourite who was of the opinion that the deadlock was complete.

### FRANCE AND SIAM.

#### TREATY RATIFICATION FAVOURED.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, July 8.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber has adopted the report concluding in favour of ratification of the Franco-Siamese Treaty.

London, July 8.—Leading an important and representative deputation to the Colonial Office to urge the Government to give assistance on an extended scale to the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Sir Arthur Shipley mentioned that only £25,000 had been received in response to the appeal of Lord Milner and Lord Burnham. £100,000 would place the College on a sound basis. Mr. Amery, replying, extolled the importance of the work of the College, and pointed out that Sir Arthur Shipley's case had already been placed before the Committee of Civil Research. He hoped that it would take up the matter more definitely and more directly with the Chancellor. However much the Government were able to give, a great deal more would be needed from the interested public.—Reuter's Service.

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THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 27th July to SATURDAY, the 8th August, 1925, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
A. H. BARLOW,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 7th July, 1925.

**NOTICE.****THE HONGKONG SHARE-  
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THE JUNE SETTLEMENT has been further POSTPONED to the 14th inst.

By Order of the Committee,  
J. W. KEW,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, July 4, 1925.

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With reference to the offer of new shares dated the 15th May 1925 (made to the existing shareholders of the Company) by the terms of which the sum of \$7.50 per share was to be paid on the 30th June 1925 and the sum of \$5.00 on the 30th September 1925 the directors have decided (in view of the present condition of affairs) to extend these dates.

The date for payment of the first instalment is accordingly extended until the 30th September 1925 and the date for payment of the second instalment until the 31st December 1925.

As regards shareholders who take advantage of these extended times the new shares allotted to them will rank for dividend as from the 1st October 1925 in respect of half the nominal value thereof and as from the 1st January 1926 in respect of the full nominal value thereof.

Any shareholder who makes payment prior to the due date will be allowed interest at 7 per cent. per annum on the amount paid by him from the date of payment until the due date.

This notice will not affect those shareholders who make payment on the original dates, i.e. as regards the first instalment on the 30th June and as regards the second instalment on the 30th September. The shares to be allotted to them will in accordance with the original terms of the offer rank for dividend on one half the nominal value as from the 1st July 1925 and on the full nominal value as from the 1st October 1925.

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Hongkong, July 7, 1925.

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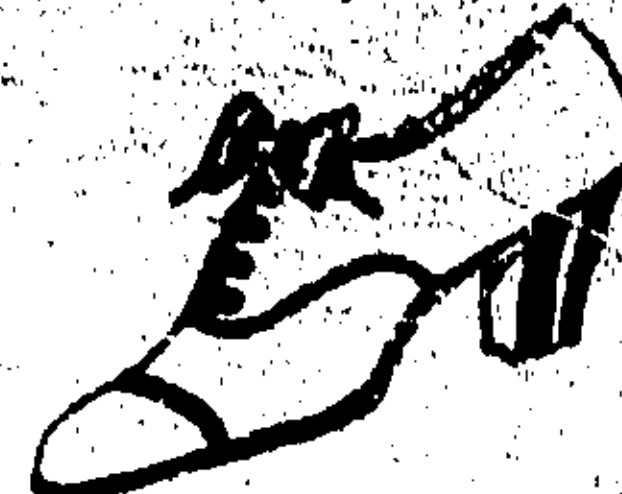
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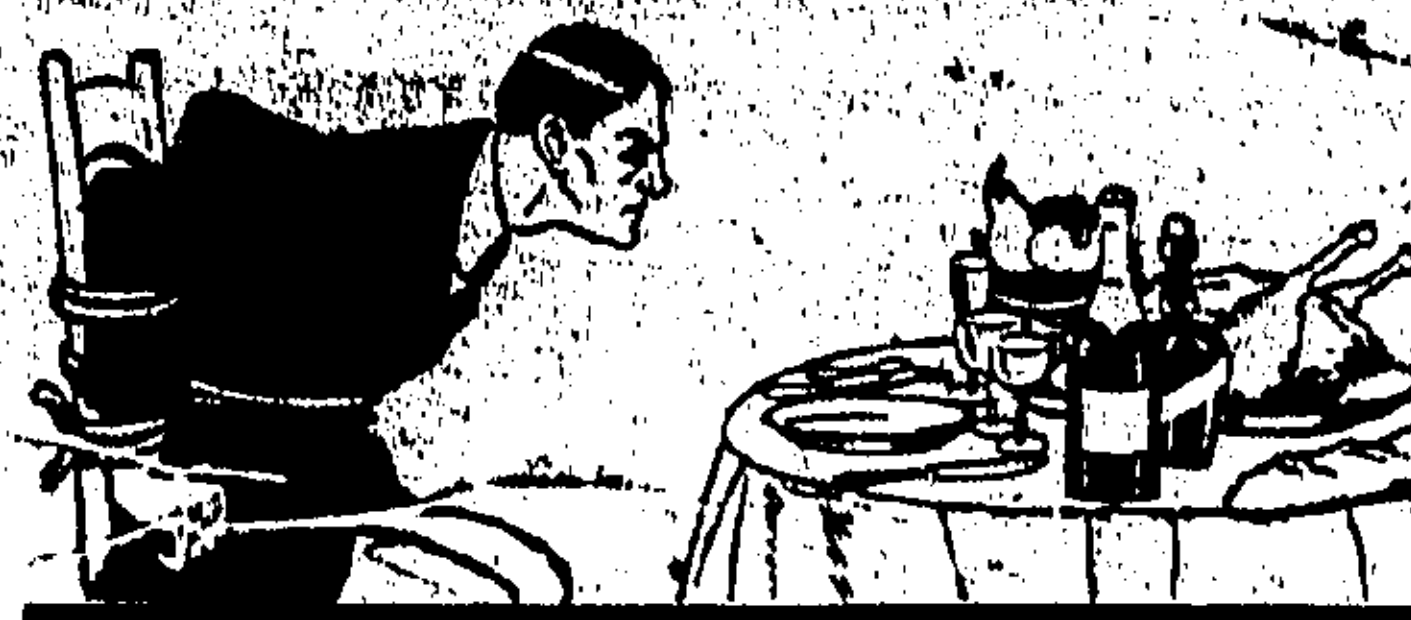
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## THE STRIKE.

HONGKONG'S EXCELLENT  
EXAMPLE.

## SHANGHAI PRIMER.

Elsewhere in this issue (says the "Shanghai Mercury" of July 1), will be found an extract from a private letter received from Hongkong under date of June 24. We would particularly commend this article to the careful perusal of our readers. There can, we think, be little doubt that the Governor of Hongkong is acting with the full approval not only of all foreign residents in the Colony, but also of all foreigners in this country. The policy of the Hongkong Government can only be regarded as an excellent example—an example which the local authorities would do well to follow.

There is of course, a certain amount of difference between the Shanghai and Hongkong cases. That of Hongkong was brought about solely by the mischievous activities of the Kuomintang Reds. As Sir Reginald Stubbs pointed out at last week's meeting of the Legislative Council, "there is nothing to discuss or adjudicate on or which to compromise." There is no shadow of grievance to justify this strike. In regard to the Shanghai incident, it will be readily admitted that there was something to discuss. It must also be admitted by Chinese and foreigners alike that the interested Powers took prompt action with a view to settling the affair. Six delegates were sent down from Peking fully empowered to come to terms, but the Chinese persisted in demanding matters entirely irrelevant to the incident of May 30, with the result that the foreign delegates did the only thing possible—they returned to Peking. The question of these irrelevant matters and also that of the Nanking Road affair will be settled in due course by the responsible parties in Peking. Neither have any legitimate bearing upon the present state of affairs in Shanghai, and neither have any claims upon the attention or consideration of China's school boys, and others responsible for prolonging the strike.

After practically a month of dislocated commerce, it seems to us that some concerted action should be taken by the foreign employers. There can be little doubt that the strikers have been led to believe that their employers will pay them strike pay. Is it to be seriously thought that any sober-minded employer would agree to such an action? We think—and certainly hope not. Such being the case, is it not time that the attitude of the employers was made known? Surely such a step would expedite the return to normal conditions, but foreigners must follow Hongkong's example and present a united front. Any dilly-dallying would be fatal, but we are firmly convinced that the time has come when the foreign employers should make known their attitude.

## Government Determined.

The following is part of the letter quoted by the "Shanghai Mercury":—"You will already know that Hongkong is in the throes of another disgusting strike. The Government is determined this time to fight to a finish, and we have no Prince of Wales coming to prepare for. Already the Chinese have asked to be taken back, but the Government is going to decide that matter. It will be a case this time. 'May I and will you take me back?' You must have read of the drastic action already taken by the Government, and honestly, I am proud to be under the Union Jack flag. We can and are showing the Chinese what we can do. No money exceeding \$5 can be taken away from the Colony, no rice, no flour, and practically all foodstuffs are strictly forbidden to be exported. The Chinese are already feeling the 'pinch', but the Europeans have plenty to eat and drink. No rioting or disturbances of any sort have arisen, and the military have charge of the whole situation. Thousands daily are going to Canton, but what they think they are going to do with \$5 and shortage of rice in Canton, remains to be seen."

## CUSTOMS' DECLINE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, July 8. Reuter learns that owing to the Shanghai strike and other disturbances and unrest all over the country, the net Customs revenue for the six months ending on June 30 declined by 1,500,000 taels compared with last year, out of which there was 1,000,000 taels decline during June.

It is considered, however, that the decrease need not cause undue alarm to bondholders.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, July 8. It is announced that Mr. Kellogg has appointed Mr. MacMurray and Mr. Silas Strawn as American Commissioners at the Shanghai Customs Conference.

## FUNERAL.

YESTERDAY'S IMPRESSIVE  
CEREMONY.

The funeral of the late Mr. H. W. Petley whose death had taken place suddenly, earlier in the day was attended yesterday afternoon by many colleagues from the Hongkong Electric Company and the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

The coffin was draped in the Union Jack and was transferred from the hearse at the monument to an armoured car (deceased was a member of the armoured car section) and preceded to the cemetery by the firing party from his Company.

Following the pull bearers (Sergeants selected from the various Companies of the Volunteer Defence Corps) was a representative detachment of other Volunteers.

The Rev. T. B. Powell (St. John's Cathedral) officiated at the ceremony.

Among those present were the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (Chairman of Directors of the Hongkong Electric Company, Ltd.), Mr. F. R. Marsh, M.L.E., (Manager), Messrs. S. J. C. Stanesby, J. F. Lunny, R. A. Starling, F. P. Duckworth, G. H. M. Bannerman, R. Smith, F. Glass, W. B. Muskett, G. R. Maskell, H. J. Watts, A. G. Langston, C. R. Wilson, S. Deacon, E. Rowe, A. F. Paul, S. J. Squire, C. Gahagan, J. Jarvis, V. Sorby, Capt. F. L. Brown, A. E. Wright, Mr. Duncan McNeill and many other friends and employees of the Hongkong Electric Company.

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For having refused to be searched in Queen's Road Central, thus thereby delaying the Police, a Shanghai Chinese was fined \$60 when prosecuted before Mr. L. A. R. Forrest, at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning.

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## AS OTHERS SEE US.

## A FIGHT TO A FINISH.

The Red wing of the Kuomintang who are again in control in Canton have chosen to make war on a neighbouring and friendly Colony. Says the "Peking and Tientsin Times" of June 29. There is no other meaning attaching to the "spontaneous" outbreak of the strike and other disturbances which followed the return of the Reds to authority in Canton. Whilst the whole of China was in an uproar, and anti-foreign demonstrations had occurred in such distant centres as Chungking, Hongkong remained normal and quiet. But within a few days of the re-establishment of the Reds in Canton all was changed. The strike, fomented and engineered by the Canton Government, and the unprovoked attack upon the Shamenee, form the culmination of a long series of provocations during the past two years. The Governor of Hongkong has expressed his determination to "see this thing through." We are confident that the entire British community are with him to a man and to a woman in their willingness to prosecute this struggle to a victorious issue.

The seamen's strike and the manner of its termination have taught us all a bitter and unforgettable lesson. There can be no discussion of terms this time. As Sir Reginald Stubbs publicly declared at a meeting of the Legislative Council: "There is nothing to discuss or adjudicate, or on which to compromise." It must be a fight to a finish. There is "no shadow of a grievance" to justify this strike. It is purely political in complexion and hatched in malice and envy by the Kuomintang Reds. The demands published by the agitators who have brought about this crisis are essentially political. The Chinese have some reason to complain of the refusal to give them representation on the Shanghai Municipal Council. It was a counsel of perfection, not of higher wisdom and tact, which denied the Chinese this participation in the administration of the "Model Settlement." It will unquestionably be remedied when reasonable conciliation on our side is commended by a similar spirit on the part of the Chinese, and when the acceptable compromise regarding representation of foreign taxpayers on the Municipal Council of the ex-Russian Concession in Hankow is adopted in the case of similar foreign areas in Tientsin, in accordance with an undertaking that has hitherto been utterly ignored.

But in Hongkong the Chinese have no such grievance. The demand for the popular election of the Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council is inadmissible while a similar right is denied to the British and foreign community. There is no discrimination. The British community have been conducting a perfectly legitimate campaign for a limited electoral representation during the past few years. They have, of course, not sought to enforce their demand by disorderly processes. If and when their desires are met—probably similar rights will be conceded to the responsible section of the Chinese taxpayers. But at present we are all on the same basis in the principle of representation. The Chinese members of the Council have always been high-minded and able men, and truly representative of the Chinese interests. That is more than can be said of the self-styled authorities in Canton. If there were a genuine popular election in that city nothing would be more certain than the overwhelming repudiation of the Kuomintang extremists. It is a characteristic feature of Chinese inconsistency in their disputes with the foreign authorities, that they demand rights under foreign auspices which they do not even make any serious attempt to acquire in their own country. The Chinese taxpayers have absolutely no voice in the administration of the native city of Shanghai, and even the ineffectual and futile effort to secure the popular election of a Tupan after the civil war soon died out of inanition. What voice have the Chinese taxpayers got in the municipal administration of the native cities of Peking, Wuchang, Tientsin, or any other cities?

For very many years the relations between Hongkong and Canton were of the most cordial description. There was a common recognition of the essential unity of interests, and the one co-operated with the other in a fine spirit of mutual helpfulness. The Seamen's Strike, openly supported and sustained by Dr. Sun Yat-sen's administration in Canton, by whom the strikers were housed and fed and subsidised, was the first really serious breach. With the exception of a brief interval the relations between the two Governments have been progressively worsening. This most deplorable break with the past is due solely to the intrigues of the Bolsheviks, which Moscow's agents came to exert over the left wing of the Kuomintang. While Red Army instructors have been imported and have played a large part

in the military campaigns since Sun Yat-sen returned to Kwangtung in 1923, the Hongkong Government has been reviled for its sympathy with the great commercial class. It has been accused of subsidising the revolt against the appalling exactions and tyranny of the Red regime in Canton. But this may be said for the Colony. If it had lent British officers to Chen Chiung-ming or to Chan Lam-pak, and had actually given them financial and other support, if it had actually turned its very natural and proper sympathy for the sufferers from Red rule in Canton to active help of the opponents of that regime, and backed the moderate section of the Kuomintang against Hu Han-min and his gang, it is safe to say that the Canton Bolsheviks would not be where they are to-day. If it is right for a section of Chinese political extremists to accept the aid of one Power, why should it be improper for those with real material interests—the merchants, not the politicians—to seek and to be granted the help of another?

But in point of fact we have not given material aid to anybody so far. We have scrupulously maintained our traditional policy of non-interference, in the face of intense provocation, though in the many crises that have arisen during the past two years as the result of the appalling military situation in the province, when the Red Kuomintang's flag hung by a thread, a slight departure from that neutrality would have decided the issue. What would the Soviet have to say if Chang Tso-lin imported British or Japanese officers into Harbin? There would not merely be a protest. There would be another concentration of Red troops on the frontier. We have not even protested against what is unquestionably, things being as they are, a deliberate hostile action. If the British or Hongkong Governments wanted to interfere they could do so, and to some purpose. If they wanted to associate themselves with the Yunnanese they could transport not 600 but 6,000 troops by sea from Yunnan and turn them loose within striking distance of Canton, and they could keep them in power. They could do the same in the case of Chen Chiung-ming, who has apparently reduced Swatow. We are becoming tired of these preposterous and childish charges of interference. It is inducing a feeling of exasperation, and that attitude of mind which is a temptation to do the very things we are wrongfully accused of doing. If we lent a handful of officers, money and munitions to Chen Chiung-ming, and rendered him a little unobtrusive Naval support, he would have no difficulty in cleaning up Canton. Such help has undoubtedly been solicited on many occasions by one or other of the factions hostile to the Kuomintang extremists, and the fact is that such overtures have always been refused. Could we have a more convincing pretext than the attack on the Shamenee and the officially-inspired plot against the Hongkong Government if we really wished to interfere in Kwangtung?

Finally, let us quote the tribute paid to the British Administration in Hongkong by Sun Yat-sen when he was about to resume power in Canton in February, 1923:—"The difference between the Governments in China and Hongkong impress me so much that I begin to wonder why the British

could do so much on the barren rock of Hongkong within 70 years. China during a thousand years has been unable to accomplish the same things as Hongkong. In the administration of Hongkong corruption is the exception and purity the rule. On the contrary, in China corruption is the rule. In China we have not got a Government. We have been misgoverned for many centuries. You (the Hongkong University students) must learn the English example, and we must carry the example of good Government to all parts of China."

That is the best advice Sun Yat-sen has ever given to his countrymen. In its fulfilment the Hongkong Government are undoubtedly prepared to offer any assistance that may be welcome, and that does not involve us in a breach of the policy of neutrality. Even in the present crisis, though the British have been provoked beyond measure, that policy will be and should be maintained. But we hope that the Kuomintang will take warning from the situation their avowedly and consciously hostile policy has produced, and will forthwith cease from further provocation, lest they make desperate remedies inevitable. We shall continue to defend our lives and property on the Shamenee, but we shall go no farther unless Hu Han-min, and his fellow-desperadoes, force us to abandon our neutrality and to intervene, as the only means of self-preservation.

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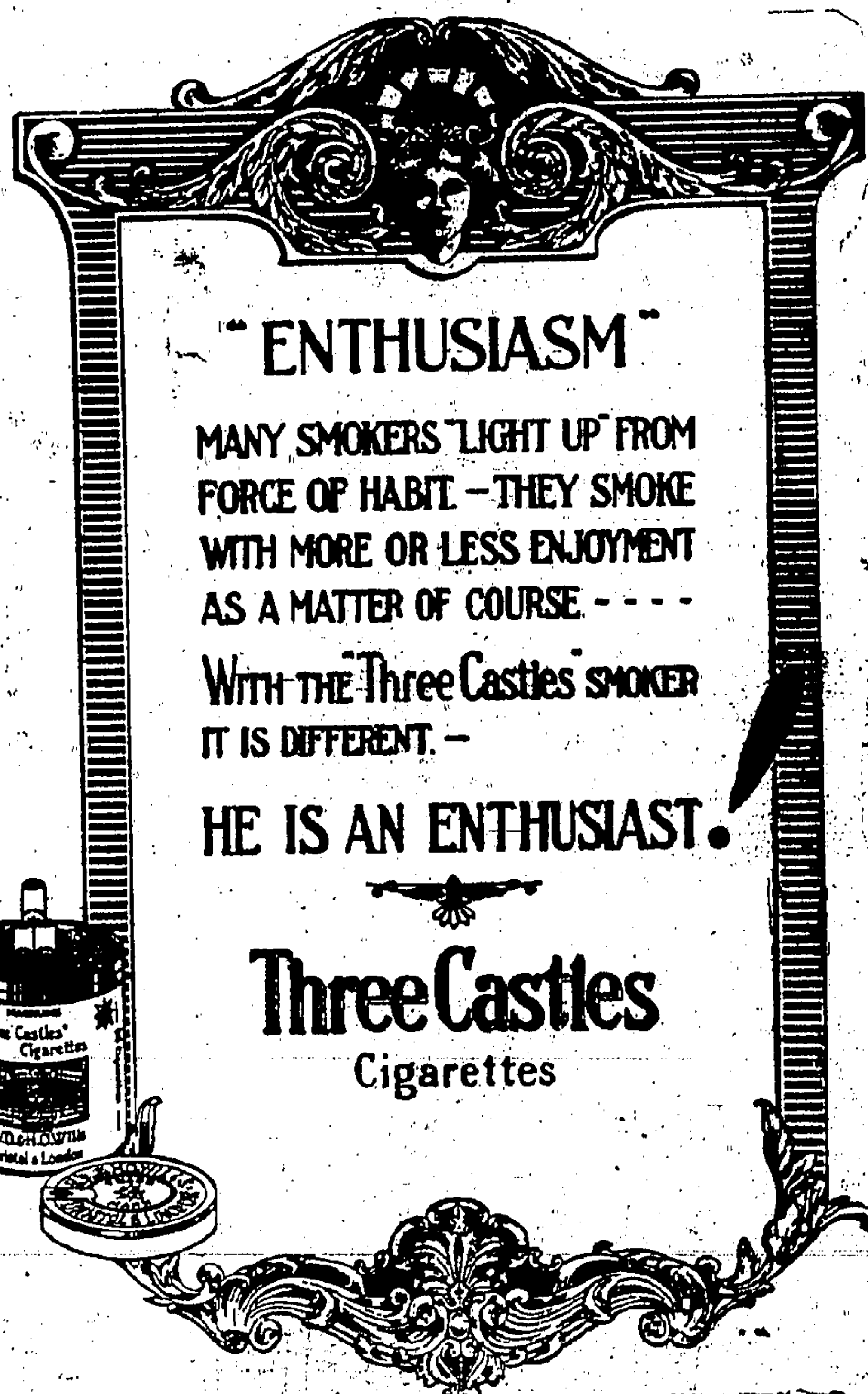
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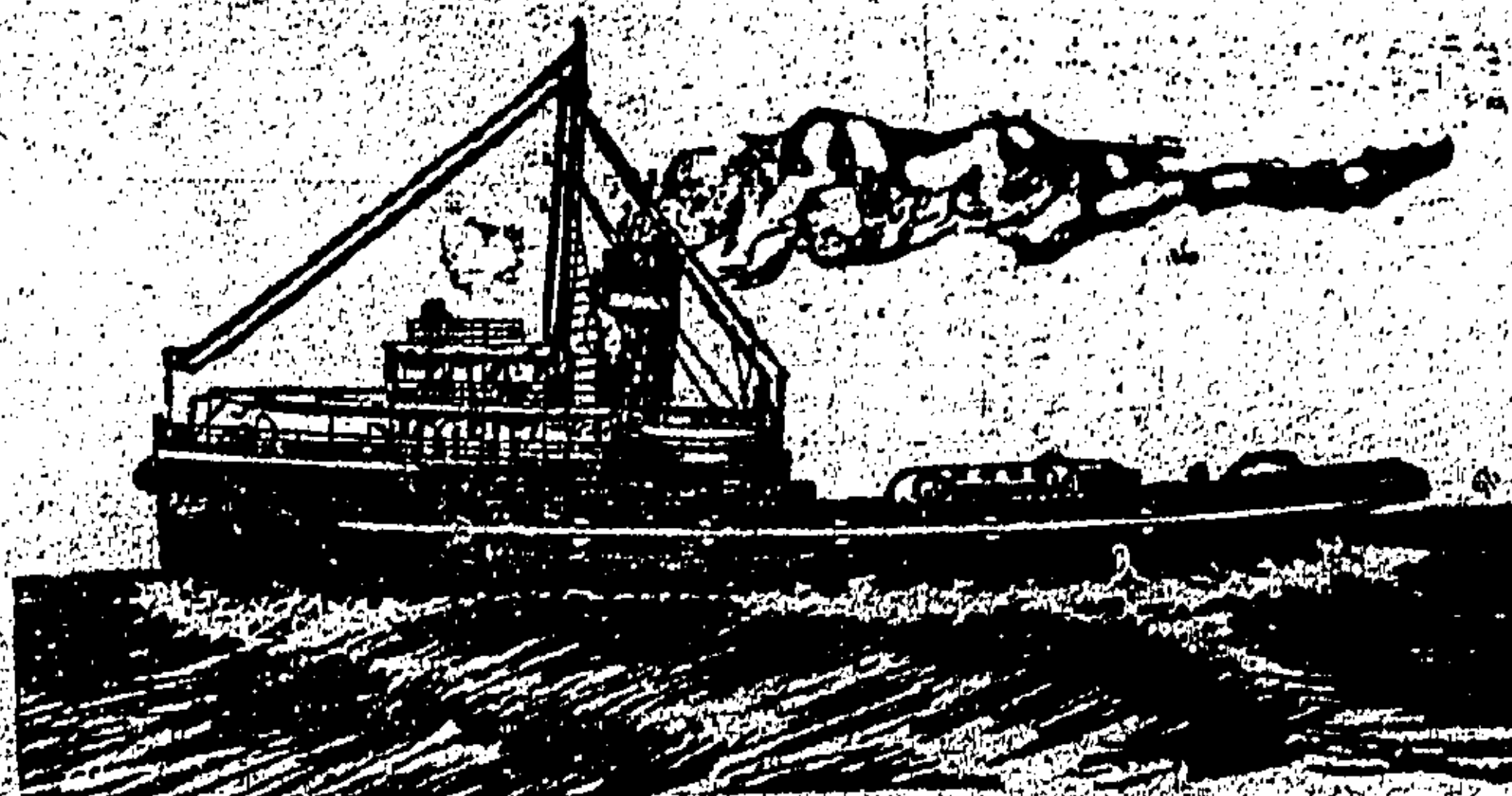


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## CHINESE TONGUE.

GOVERNMENT'S NEW  
VERNACULAR SCHOOL.

The taking over of the old  
Saiyungpun School building for  
the purpose of promoting develop-  
ment in Vernacular education was  
foreshadowed at yesterday's  
Board of Education meeting. The  
Chairman (Mr. G. N. Orme,  
Director of Education) stating  
that it would be a new Vernacular  
middle school embodying the pre-  
sent Chinese men's normal school  
and providing means for higher  
vernacular learning.

It was hoped in this way to be  
able to recruit teachers and to  
form an avenue to the University.  
said the Chairman. He trusted  
that the University would assist  
them in their attempt to raise the  
standard of vernacular education.  
Several Chinese gentlemen had  
offered considerable assistance in  
the way of scholarships for im-  
pecunious boys. The Vernacular  
Sub-Committee had met and had  
approved the proposal, which  
included the taking over of the  
Saiyungpun School. It was pro-  
posed to start on a moderate scale  
and later develop it into a fairly  
large school, where there would be  
good opportunities for a thorough  
grounding in vernacular studies.  
If the School proved popular no  
doubt the Government would  
eventually consider the desir-  
ability of erecting a new building.

The Chairman also referred to  
proposals which had been made  
for the linking up of higher and  
primary classes at the girls normal  
school and for the provision of a  
nucleus of a Normal School in the  
New Territories to train teachers  
for the village schools. Both were  
receiving attention.

Questioned as to the purpose of  
such schools the Chairman said  
that the intention was to train  
teachers in the classics, bring them  
up in the life of which they were  
naturally called but also to give  
them a good grounding in the  
classics.

In reply to Mr. Alves the  
Chairman said that the possibility  
of imparting agricultural instruc-  
tion had not been considered.

The Estimates.  
When the Estimates for the  
coming year were considered the  
estimated expenditure on the new  
Vernacular Middle School re-  
ferred to by the Chairman was  
found to be \$13,000. Savings to  
be effected on the giving up of  
floors at present occupied by the  
men's Normal School would bring  
the net expenditure to \$10,000.  
British masters in the employ of  
the Government would be in-  
creased from 27 to 31 owing to  
the demands of the new Saiyung-  
pun School.

Dealing with the building pro-  
gramme for the coming year, the  
Chairman said it was his inten-  
tion, if the Board agreed, to ask  
that a commencement should be  
made with two new schools on the  
Kowloon peninsula, one on the  
West and one on the East, to  
serve the growing population  
there. The two schools would be  
more or less on the lines of the  
present Yau-ma-tei School, with  
somewhat similar accommoda-  
tion. He hoped they would be  
begun and, if possible, finished  
during the year. There was also  
the provision of a smaller  
school at Cheung Chau, which he  
hoped would also be begun during  
the year.

The Chairman referred to the  
proposal to establish Technical  
Institute Classes in Kowloon.  
Among the subjects taught would  
be chemistry, physics, mathemat-  
ics, French, shorthand, etc. The  
classes would start in October,  
and, if successful, would be  
extended.

Mr. Alves pleaded for publicity  
in connection with the classes.  
He was sure they would be much  
appreciated by Kowloon people.

Mr. Ralphs: It only remains  
for the public of Kowloon to show  
their appreciation by attending  
the classes.

Mr. Ralphs also added that  
advertisements and notices would  
be issued before the classes  
started.

It was proposed, the Chairman  
proceeded, to form a staff library  
in the Board Room. The idea  
was to provide books which would  
be most useful. If possible they  
would incorporate other libraries  
with it and consolidate as far as  
possible the advantage of having  
a central library accessible to the  
staff. They would also make the  
room a meeting place for the  
staff, and if it proved popular and  
successful it was possible the idea  
would be extended.

The meeting approved the  
estimates.

The Chairman announced that  
a School Medical Officer had now  
been appointed. Mrs. Minett had  
been appointed, and as soon as  
Mrs. Hickling returned, which  
would be in a few weeks, she  
would commence her duties.

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